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SUBJECT: SOVIET MEDIA CONTINUES ANTI-U.S. THEME OF
ZAIRE COVERAGE

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SUMMARY: MAY 24 SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS CONTINUES TENDEN-
TIOUS AND ANTI-U.S. COVERAGE OF ZAIRE EVENTS. PRESIDENT
CARTER CONTINUES TO DRAW SOVIET FIRE FOR HIS MAY 19
REMARKS. END SUMMARY. (LOU)

1. BEGIN UNCLAPFIFIED. MAY 24 PRAVDA CARRIES TASS
ROUND UP ARTICLE ON ZAIRE EVENTS. ARTICLE SEEMS TO
DRAW HEAVILY ON BASIC THEMES OF MAY 23 PRAVDA ARTICLE
BY B. OREKHOV PARTICULARLY IDEA THAT WHOLE ZAIRIAN
"INTERVENTION" WAS PLANNED IN ADVANCE BY U.S. AND WAS
COORDINATED AND DIRECTED BY GENERAL HAIG (REFTEL). IN
ADDITION TASS STATES THAT:

-- IMPERIALISTS PLAN TO CONVERT "INTERVENTION" INTO
"OCCUPATION." IN THIS CONTEXT, ZAIRIAN "OFFICIAL
CIRCLES" ARE THINKING OF AN "INTER-AFRICAN FORCE"
MADE UP OF TROOPS FROM EGYPT, MOROCCO, IVORY COAST, AND
OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH COULD BE USED BY ZAIRIAN AUTHORI-
TIES AGAINST ZAIRIAN PEOPLE. ARAB PRESS REPORTS THAT
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EGYPTIAN PILOTS ARE ALREADY FLYING OVER TERRITORY
CONTROLLED BY FNLC AND "IT HAS BECOME KNOWN" THAT
FIRST UNIT OF MOROCCAN TROOPS HAS ARRIVED IN ZAIRE.

-- CORRESPONDENTS OF BELGIAN NEWSPAPERS WRITE FROM
SHABA THAT THE "INTERVENTIONISTS" HAVE COMMITTED
"BLOODY CRIMES" IN COURSE OF THEIR OPERATIONS AND PEOPLE
ARRIVING IN BELGIUM FROM ZAIRE DECLARE THAT THE ZAIRIAN
TROOPS ALSO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATROCITIES IN
KOLWEZI. ONE SUCH INDIVIDUAL CHARACTERIZED THE ZAIRIAN
SOLDIERS AS "MARAUDERS." COMMENT. USE OF
UNUSUAL RUSSIAN WORD "MARAUDERS" IS PERHAPS A DIG AT
BRZEZINSKI'S USE OF TERM IN PEKING. END COMMENT.

-- PRC FON.MIN.'S REMARKS TO ZAIRIAN AMB. IN PEKING
REPRESENT A SLANDEROUS AND PROVOCATIVE ATTACK ON
SOVIET UNION AND CUBA AND TESTIFY TO PRC COLLABORATION
WITH POLICY OF IMPERIALISM IN AFRICA.

2. SENIOR POLITICAL COLUMNIST V. KUDRYAVTSEV HAS
LENGTHY ZAIRE PIECE IN MAY 23 IZVESTIYA WHICH ALSO
REPEATS THEMES OF PREVIOUS SIGNED ARTICLES REPORTED

REFTEL AND OTHERS. KUDRYAVTSEV CLAIMS THAT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ZAIRE SHOW THAT IMPERIALISTS - ESPECIALLY U.S. - HAVE NEVER GIVEN UP THEIR DREAM FOR THE "RECOLONIALIZATION" OF AFRICA WHICH WAS EXPRESSED SO VIVIDLY IN THE CONGO IN THE 60'S.

3. AS HAD OREKHOV IN MAY 23 PRAVDA, KUDRYAVTSEV REFERS

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TO PRESIDENT'S MAY 19 REMARKS TO LOCAL NEWSPAPER EDITORS. HE SARCASTICALLY TREATS THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENT ON U.S. "HUMANITARIAN" GOALS BY CONTRASTING THIS STATEMENT WITH WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN JODY POWELL'S LIST OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND AVIATION FUEL TRANSPORTED IN U.S. PLANES. KUDRYAVTSEV FURTHER CONTRASTS U.S. ASSERTION OF "SOVIET-CUBAN INTERFERENCE" AND OF PRESENCE OF CUBAN SOLDIERS WITH AMB. YOUNG'S ALLEGED MAY 20 COMMENT THAT HE "DID NOT SEE ANY EVIDENCE OF THE PARTICIPATION OF CUBA OR THE SOVIET UNION IN THE AFRICAN CONFLICT."

4. KUDRYAVTSEV THEN LISTS NUMBER OF EXAMPLES OF U.S. INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA, TO WIT:

-- ANGOLA (SUPPORT FOR "SPLITTIST" ORGANIZATIONS);

-- RHODESIA (ATTEMPT TO SET UP PUPPET STATE);

-- NAMIBIA (ATTEMPT TO SUPPLANT SWAPO);

-- HORN OF AFRICA (INDIRECT SUPPLY OF WEAPONS);

-- ZAIRE (INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS) (END UNCLASSIFIED).

5. COMMENT: SOVIET MEDIA SHOW NO SIGN OF LETTING UP ON U.S. OVER ZAIRIAN EVENTS. INTERESTING TO NOTE
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THAT WITH EACH PASSING DAY, MORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED SIDES - KATANGANS, FRENCH AND BELGIANS - FADE FURTHER INTO BACKGROUND AS FAR AS SOVIET MEDIA ARE CONCERNED. (LOU). MATLOCK

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